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O'Connell Announces VaxBus Return to Taunton

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced the VaxBus will be returning to the City of Taunton on August 24, August 25 and August 26, 2021 at Taunton High School.

Mayor O'Connell is pleased that the Department of Public Health has worked closely with her administration to provide multiple vaccination opportunities for city residents. "The VaxBus makes it easy and convenient for city residents to receive their vaccine. In addition, Taunton High School has been a terrific collaborative partner. By hosting the VaxBus at the high school, we are working together to make it easy for students who will be attending Orientation or sports tryouts at Taunton High to have the opportunity to begin the vaccination process before starting school."

The VaxBus will be offering first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Both the Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines will be available. The mobile clinic is open to everyone and is not restricted to Taunton residents.

The bus will be at Taunton High School, 50 Williams Street, from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 24th, Wednesday, August 25th and Thursday, August 26th. Interested individuals are welcome to book an appointment (https://taunton-hs-824-825-826.youcanbook.me) or simply stop by.

Individuals between the ages of 12 and 17 will need a signed waiver from a parent or guardian, but do not need to have an adult present with them.

School Superintendent John Cabral is proud to host the VaxBus at Taunton High School. "Our high school is a central location in our city and easy to access for many people. Next week, we will have many families visiting our school as we begin the back-to-school process, so it is a particularly convenient time to have the VaxBus here. We hope our students, families and community will take advantage of this opportunity."

Parents and other city residents with questions about the COVID-19 vaccine are invited to participate in a live COVID-19 Telephone Town Hall on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:00pm. "We have gathered together a number of experts to help us provide factual information about the COVID-19 vaccine, especially as it pertains to children. This is an excellent opportunity for city residents to hear from trusted local doctors as well as medical experts from Boston," said Mayor O'Connell.

For information on how to participate in the COVID-19 Telephone Town Hall, please refer to the city website at www.taunton-ma.gov. For additional information about the VaxBus, please refer to: www.mass.gov/vaxbus.

Any questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines or the VaxBus may be directed to the Board of Health at 508-821-1400 or the Mayor's Office at 508-821-1000. ###